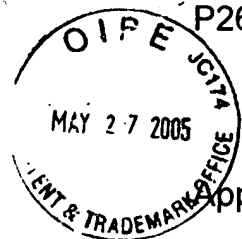


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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in the International Search Report mailed December 24, 2002 (and filed with the present application on March 1, 2005):

Japanese Patent No. 2778897, which is also cited at page 1 of the specification of the present application, together with an English language translation of the Abstract thereof;

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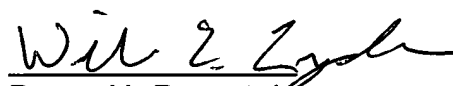
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The relevance of the above-noted documents, as asserted by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report mailed December 24, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

If the Examiner should have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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